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BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/595,925
Filing Date: June 16, 2000
Entitled: NETWORK DEVICE INCLUDING REVERSE ORIENTATED MODULES
Attorney Docket No: 102689-26 / 00-U0027

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. Nine (9) pages of amended informal drawings;
3. One (1) page of Specification; and
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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 21, line 12, following "central processor 12 over Ethernet network", please delete "32" and insert therefor - - 41 - -.

On page 21, line 25, following "control and data over Ethernet", please delete "32" and insert therefor - - 41 - -.